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Photo by Tim Hipps

A determined Olanda Anderson gets a second chance to secure a berth on the U.S. Olympic boxing team this week in Tijuana, Mexico.

Army captures women’s basketball championship

By Master Sgt. Mike Briggs, USAF American Forces Press Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Army women’s basketball team won all six of its games in dominating style to capture the Women’s Armed Forces Basketball Championship April 11 for the ninth year in a row.

A strong rebounding game and swarming defense propelled the soldiers to the championship with an average margin of victory of 35 points per game over the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy competition.

The Marines posted a 4-2 mark to finish second, the Air Force was third with a 2-4 record and the Navy ended the double round-robin tournament fourth at 0-6.

“The key to our success is we never relax,” said Sgt. Sylvia Williams, Army center. “I don’t care if we have a 20- or 30-point lead. We never relax.” The six-year Army player from Fort Hood, Texas, credited her coach, Master Sgt. Johnnie Pickett, for preparing the Army women.

“We work really hard before we get here,” Williams said. “We have a real tough trial camp. We try to schedule our team against teams that are better than us, and it prepares us for play at this level.”

Pickett, from Fort Hood, said he has no problems keeping his players focused during the armed forces rivalry.

“We understand that we’re representing 495,000 soldiers in the Army, so it’s easy to stay motivated when you think

about that,” said Pickett, who has been the Army head coach for 10 years.

The Army women have dominated the interservice basketball competition since its inception in 1978 with titles in 21 of the 23 previous championships.

Five players were picked for the championship all-star team. Williams was selected as center; 1st Lt. Carrie Wood from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., and Army Reserve Pfc. Evetta Crawford-Herring of Texas were

picked as forwards; and 2nd Lt. Kallie Quinn from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and Cpl. Teri Jones from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., were named guards.

The all-stars, minus Wood, and eight others selected for the armed forces team traveled April 12 to compete in a national pro-am tournament in Florida. Rounding out the squad were Capt. Kim Kawamoto of Fort Meade, Md.; Sgt. Sharon Lyons and Spc. Coretta Chenault, both of Fort Hood; Spc. Carolyn Conkleton of Fort Jackson, S.C.; Spc. Felicia Griffin of Fort Benning, Ga.; Pfc. Akilah Rone from Kaiserslautern, Germany; Senior Airman Kerri Wilburn of Moron Air Base, Spain; and Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Carlotta Moore of Camp Butler, Japan.

Coaches were Pickett and Tech Sgt. Angie McCullough of Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

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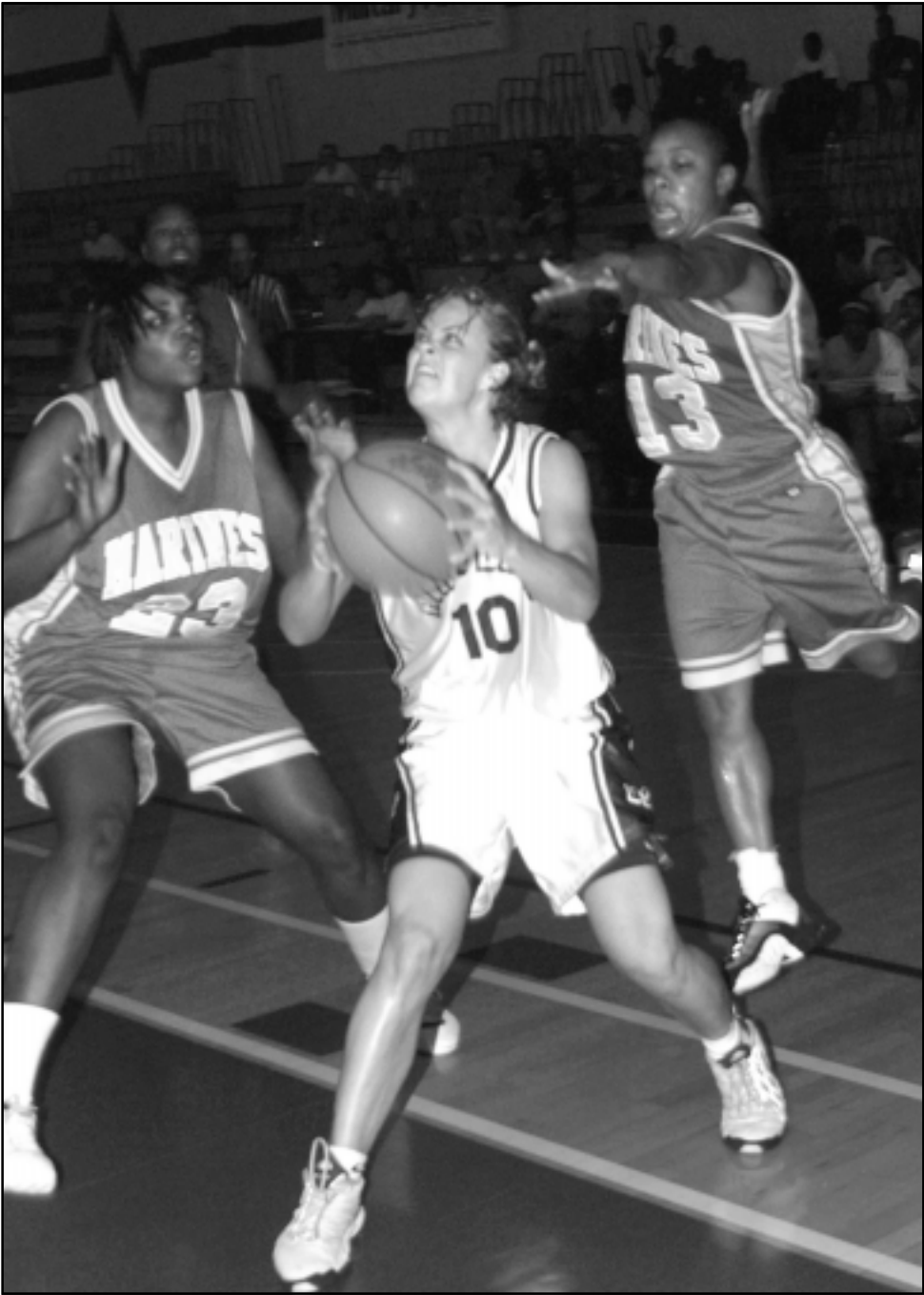


Photo by David Terry

Air Force guard 2nd Lt. Kallie Quinn sets for a shot between the tight defense of Marines Lance Cpl. Keena Brock (23) and Gunnery Sgt. Annette Mitchell during a Women’s Armed Forces Basketball Championship game at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The Marines beat the Air Force 68-54 to capture second place in the tournament. Quinn is from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Brock, from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan; and Mitchell, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

Army’s Staff Sgt. Anderson back in the hunt for Olympic boxing gold

By Tim Hipps Belvoir Eagle Staff Writer

Olanda Anderson’s Olympic dream was resurrected April 14 when USA Boxing officials released 178-pound Olympic hopeful Michael Simms from Team USA for disciplinary reasons.

Simms’ dismissal reopened the ring for Staff Sgt. Anderson, who won the 178-pound championship at the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials Feb. 9-13 at Tampa, Fla. Two weeks later, Simms twice defeated Anderson in a 24-hour span during the U.S. Olympic Box-offs at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn., where Simms stole Anderson’s 178-pound spot on the 2000 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team.

Simms was released from Team USA last week for repeatedly missing curfew and failing to obey coach Tom Mustin’s instructions during training camp at Colorado Springs and at the America’s qualifier in Tampa March 27-April 1. Simms already was on probation with USA Boxing for his behavior during training camp at Colorado Springs in preparation for the 1999 World Cham-

pionships at Houston, Texas. An eight-man USA Boxing board voted April 11 to remove him from the team. Anderson got the official word on Friday after Simms was allowed time to appeal the decision, which he did not.

“I feel for Simms,” said Anderson, who never showed any compassion for his archrival in the ring. “But now I have a chance to redeem myself. I thought it was over for me, as far as amateur boxing and the Olympics. I was just moving on with my life and I got the call [about Simms]. I was out of boxing shape, but I was excited. I said, ‘Yeah, I’ll give it another try.’ “

Anderson departed from the Arco Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, near San Diego, Calif., on April 16 for a Central America Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Tijuana, Mexico. There he must reach the final bout of his weight class to earn a trip to Sydney, Australia, to represent Team USA and the U.S. Army in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games. As an alternate, Anderson’s disposition wasn’t the greatest in training camp as Simms’ sparring partner. But he found new re-

solve upon learning that he would get another shot at boxing Down Under.

“I have a chance to redeem myself — to show my stuff again,” said Anderson, who readily admits that he didn’t exhibit his best stuff during his nightmarish weekend in Connecticut. “Now I have a chance to go to the Olympics.”

At the Foxwoods, Anderson lost 11-7 to Simms on Friday. He then tossed and turned throughout the night, crying instead of sleeping before their crucial rematch on Saturday afternoon, which Simms won, 12-5.

“I was tired — mentally tired,” Anderson said after that crushing setback. “I just didn’t have anything left to win it. Maybe it wasn’t meant for me to win it.” The infantryman was ready to hang it up and go back to his military job.

But the Sumter, S.C. native took 10 days of leave from the Army, got refocused, then reported to the U.S. Olympic Training Center as Simms’ alternate.

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Pvt. Murphy's Law

By Mark Baker

DoD to phase out smoking

at recreation facilities

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD is expanding its smoking ban to include clubs, bowling alleys and other Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities.

“We want to provide smoke-free facilities across the Department of Defense,” said Sherri Goodman, deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security. “We started with the workplace, and now we’ve expanded to cover our Morale, Welfare and Recreational facilities as well,” she said April 12.

“We want to make sure that people who are using any DoD facilities have an opportunity to do so in a smoke-free environment,” Goodman said. Smoking is already prohibited in DoD facilities for children.

An estimated 34 percent of the nation’s 1.4 million service members smoke, according to DoD officials. The Department banned smoking in all workplaces in 1994; DoD excluded living and recreation areas, however.

By December 2002, all DoD facilities will be smoke-free, Goodman said. Smoking will only be allowed in designated, separately ventilated smoking areas. DoD officials are providing a three-year phase-in period to give the facilities adequate time to make those changes.

DoD wants “to do the right thing,” Goodman stressed. “We want to make sure we protect our people, maintain readiness and provide a healthy environment.

“I think now families will feel free to bring

their children, for example, into all MWR facilities,” she said. “I believe that is very important because our MWR facilities should be available to all military families.”

In 1997, President Clinton banned smoking in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the federal executive branch in 1997. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas that have special ventilation and smoke-containment features.

In December, under the provisions of the president’s executive order, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved “a limited and narrow” exception to allow a three-year phase-in period for certain MWR facilities. A DoD Instruction on the policy exception is due to reach the field this summer.

Since many MWR facilities are not equipped with the special features necessary, he said, an immediate ban “would negatively effect service members’ morale at a time when we are asking them to bear historically high operations tempo levels.”

Installation commanders are to determine which facilities should receive the benefit of the phase-in period. In the meantime, however, those facilities must maintain separate smoking and non-smoking areas.

“Although non-smoking is our strong policy preference, it is important for our MWR activities to be seen as available and accommodating for all service members, including those who smoke,” Cohen stated in a policy letter dated Dec. 7, 1999.



Murphy! Where is your weapon?!

Scout Scoreboard

Coed Intramural Volleyball Standings

As of April 11.

Unit	Wins	Losses
HHC, 11TH SIGNAL	7	0
HHD, 504TH SIGNAL	5	0
CO C, 305TH MI	5	2
HHC, 40TH SIGNAL	4	1
19TH SIGNAL	3	2
CO B, 305TH MI	3	4
CO A, 306TH MI	3	5
69TH SIGNAL	2	4
HQ CO, 306TH MI	2	4
CO E, 305TH MI	2	4
69TH SIGNAL	1	4
CO A, 304TH MI	1	5
NAMTRA	0	5

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JAG sponsors Law Day Fun Run to celebrate freedom

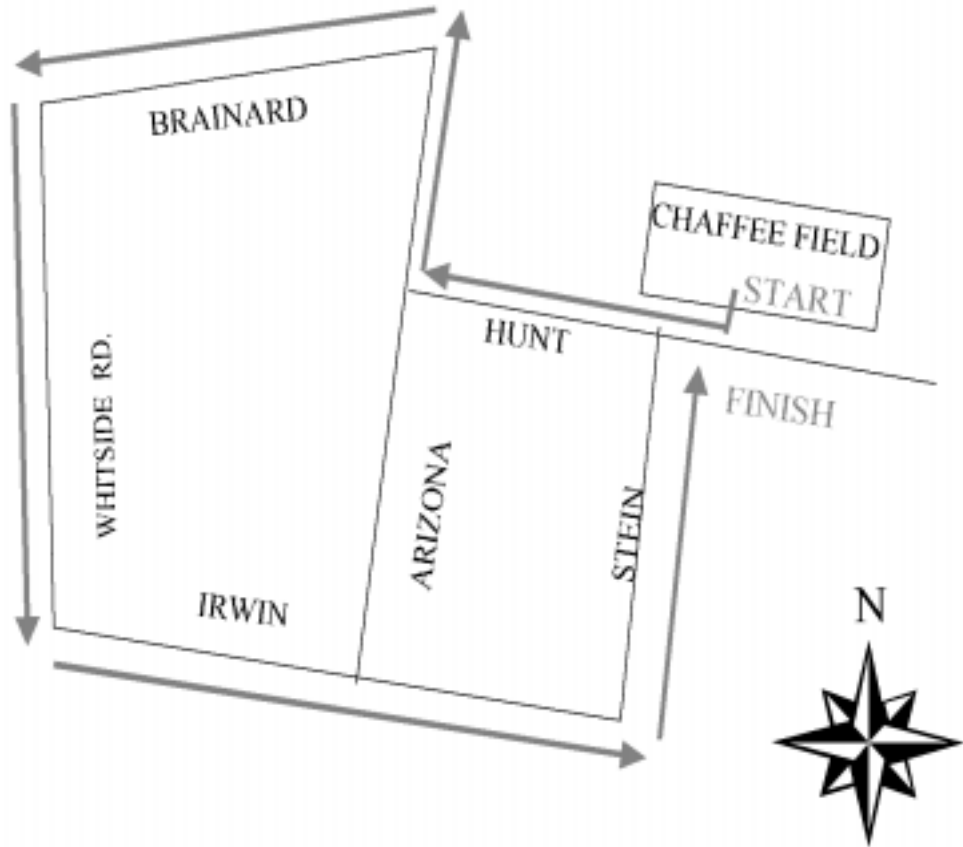
JAG release

In a prelude to and warm-up for the Thunder Mountain Marathon, celebrate your freedom and run for fun. Join the Law Day Fun Run on April 28, 6:30 a.m. at Chaffee Field.

No entry fee, just a chance to have fun. This is a four-mile open race for all.

Non-military individuals participating in the Fun Run are required to fill-out the Release of Liability Form, and return it to the JAG Office at the following address:

Department of the Army
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PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE			
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE ON RUN DAY	GENDER	

Visiting the National Forest? Things to know

USDA Forest Service release

DOUGLAS, Ariz. — Campfire permits are now needed for fires outside of dispersed campgrounds on the entire Coronado National Forest. Permits are free and available at all Coronado National Forest offices, through campground hosts and from field personnel.

The purpose is to heighten the awareness of fire safety practices. Fuel moisture levels are unusually low due to the mild winter with little precipitation. Fire danger increases daily. No matter where camping, is it suggested campers carry several gallons of water and a shovel to have an adequate water supply and the right tool to drown campfires and stir in ashes until cold. Do your part to prevent a start.

Extended backpacks in the Chiricahua Wilderness should be postponed, as several of the normally reliable springs are dry. Plan long hikes after monsoon has improved water availability. If hiking, carry all water needed for the hike. Water from forest sources such as creeks and springs should be purified before drinking. Many hikers have learned this lesson the hard way after getting sick from bacteria natural water sources could potentially contain. Remember, campfire permits are needed for open fires outside of developed campgrounds, to include charcoal grills. This does not apply to camp stoves.

Many fire information brochures are available from the Douglas Ranger District office at 3081 North Leslie Canyon Road in Douglas. Subjects include campfire safety, creating defensible space around homes and structures, fire resistant plants for landscaping and the purpose of controlled burns.

Spring has arrived and with it, the neotropical migratory birds. Cave Creek campgrounds are open and water turned on. Water will not be turned on at Rustler Park until danger of freezing weather has ended. Though open for use, water is off at Rucker Canyon Campgrounds.

Warmer weather means more visitors to the Coronado National Forest. Drive slowly. Most forest roads are dirt roads maintained intermittently. Expect them to be rough with washboard conditions. Speeding could cause a driver to lose control. Drivers should use caution to prevent a pleasure visit from ending in disaster.

Higher elevation weather conditions can vary greatly with the transition from winter to spring. Be prepared for both



warmer and cooler weather in the mountains, especially in higher elevations. It is suggested that hikers and campers bring extra supplies, and clothing, and dress in layers. Carry blankets, shovels, flashlight and food and water if traveling on remote forest roads. Always let friends or family know where you're going and when you'll be back. Give them an itinerary and check in regularly.

Pets must be leashed in developed campgrounds, a practice recommended at all times for their protection. This will prevent unpleasant encounters with bears, bees and other animals, and spare the family heartbreak should a pet wander off and become lost.

If you'd like more information about recreations opportunities or conditions in the Chiricahua, Dragoon or Peloncillo Mountains, call the Douglas Ranger District at (520) 364-3468.

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USA Boxing officials said the 29-year-old Anderson appeared ready to rumble when he left for Tijuana. His first fight is April 18 against Colombia's 178-pound amateur champion. If he wins that bout, he will face a first-round survivor from Venezuela, El Salvador, Barbados or Puerto Rico. Should he win again, his rugged road to Sydney will be complete regardless of whether he wins the finale in Tijuana. The top two finishers in each weight class advance to the Summer Games.

"I'm going to approach it like this is a regular bout," said Anderson, who conceded that Simms won their battle of psychological warfare at the box-offs. "At the box-offs, I let Simms get to me. If I can stay the way I am right now, I'll be all right going to the Olympics. I'm not going to let it stress me out anymore. Even if I go to Olympics, I'm going to stay like this. It's just another fight. That's my new attitude.

"All I have to do there is just box, let my hands go," he said of the tournament in Mexico. "That's all I need to do. I've got the experience. I've got all the tools. I just have to start applying them. Ain't no excuses. I'm looking to qualify and get it out of the way."

Anderson, who felt he let the Army down at Connecticut, doesn't want anyone second-guessing USA Boxing's decision to release Simms. "If I don't get a medal, people will always say 'What if Simms had gone?'" Anderson said. "Now, I've got to go qualify and concentrate on getting a medal at the Olympics — a gold medal, preferably."

And he believes the entire U.S. Army is on his side.

"I was bad in camp a little bit, and I had to check myself," the Army World Class Athlete revealed. "Your character does come into play. So does your integrity. All that comes into play, and I've changed all that stuff. I sat down and talked to coach and I talked to the other coaches here and they all said: 'We wanted you.' Character means a lot. I always thought I had a good upbringing, but the Army helps out with a lot of that."